(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the names of those foreign voluntary organizations and NGOs who had visited Rajasthan alongwith the places where they had visited and the nature of drought relief that had been distributed; and

(c) how far such drought relief had helped to redress the problems of the drought affected people of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) According to the information received from the Government of Rajasthan, Shri L.N. Mittal, NRI based in London had helped in organizing three cattle camps and supply of drinking water in 10 drought affected villages in Churu district, involving an expenditure of Rs. 6.13 lakhs and Supreme Master Ching Hert International Association of Taiwan had helped 3500 families in Jaisalmer district by distributing food items costing Rs. 11 lakhs. The State Government have further informed that, looking at requirement of assistance due to severity of drought, the help was negligible.

Depletion of Livestock

†2081. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that livestock in the country is depleting continuously;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to formulate a policy or enact a stringent law in order to protect livestock;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The population of livestock is continuously increasing over the years. The data for livestock census since 1951 are given in the enclosed statement. *{See* below) to

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Livestock Population—1951 -97—All India

{In Million Numbers)

Year	Total Livestock
1951	292.80
1956	306.60
1961	335.40
1966	344.10
1972	353.40
1977	369.00
1982	419.59
1987	445.28
1992	470.86
1997*	498.33

Source: Livestock Census Reports of various years.

**1997 data is provisional.*

Ban on use of Endosulfan on Plantation Crops

2082. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Endosulfan has been classified as 'highly hazardous' to health and banned in many countries;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Endosulfan is still being used in the country particularly in Karnataka and Kerala on cashew plantations and has been linked to hundreds of cases of birth defects, psychiatric illness, cancer etc.; and

(c) whether Government propose to ban the use of Endosulfan on plantation crops in the country, if so, the details thereof?